



Public Safety Interoperable Communications Office

ANNOUNCEMENT

Communications Unit Training Field Day

February 19, 2014 – 7:30 AM to 5 PM

The Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Office, through a grant from the federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS), is offering an All-Hazards Communications Unit Training Field Day to facilitate the development of emergency responder National Incident Management System (NIMS) skills and capabilities.

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Wednesday, February 19, 2014 – 7:30 AM to 5 PM

Papago Park Military Reservation

5636 E McDowell Road; Phoenix, AZ 85008

Background: Emergency response professionals who have completed the All-Hazards Communications Unit Leader (COML) or Technician (COMT) training course must demonstrate competency on a series of tasks outlined in the associated Position Taskbook (PTB) to become recognized in the position.

The Field Day was developed with a focus on position specific core competencies to support trainees in the completion of their PTBs. This event will allow COML and COMT trainees to participate in specialized training and hands-on experience which may result in sign off of specific PTB tasks if they are successfully executed.

Description: The Field Day will provide an opportunity for trainees to have several (**but not all**) PTB tasks signed off for demonstrated performance. The ability of trainees to establish, maintain and demobilize operable and interoperable communications assets during a simulated incident response will be observed by subject matter experts at a series of staged activity and tech areas. Examples of activities to be covered include: development of incident-specific communications plans; radio programming and cloning; operational testing of communications equipment; and set up of portable repeaters and gateways.

Target Audience: The Field Day is targeted for all local, regional, State and federal cross-disciplinary emergency response professionals and coordination/support personnel who have completed the All-Hazards COML or COMT classroom course within the last three years and all related pre-requisite training courses, and have a PTB initiated by the trainee's agency. The Field Day is for those who can demonstrate their skills and abilities in performing the tasks found in the PTB. Only those individuals meeting these criteria are eligible to participate.

Application Process: Due to the technical nature of the event, participation will be limited.

Trainees interested in attending must apply on-line to be considered for participation in the Field Day no later than 11:59 PM on January 8, 2014.

On-line Application: <http://tinyurl.com/AZFieldDayApplicationFeb2014> (Google Docs)

Off-line Application*: http://www.azpsic.gov/news/2013/2014_Field_Day_Application_Form.docx

*The on-line application is the preferred method, however if your security protocols do not allow access to Google Docs, please complete the off-line application and submit to psic@azpsic.gov.

All application information will be reviewed and verified for attendance eligibility. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The PSIC Office will make the final determination of acceptance and send an invitation letter and enrollment confirmation to individuals who are selected to participate.

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